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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

This Response addresses the final Office Action mailed December 18, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,017,233 to Fry et al. (the "Fry reference"). It is respectfully submitted that the reference fails to anticipate claims 1-6 for at least the following reasons.